

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:211
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
BASIC AMENITIES AT THE PLATFORMS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have prescribed any requirement of toilets and urinals to be provided on the platforms as well as in the waiting halls/sheds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most of platforms/ waiting halls/sheds presently do not have the prescribed number of toilets and urinals and the existing toilets and urinals are in unusable condition; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken to provide adequate number of toilets/urinals and also to have clean and hygienic conditions on the platforms?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.07 REGARDING BASIC AMENITIES AT THE PLATFORMS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Comprehensive instructions already exist for provision of passenger amenities including toilets and urinals at stations. The details of norms for quantum of Minimum Essential Amenities for toilets and urinals at various categories of stations are as under:

Category of station A1 A B C D E F

No of urinals 12 10 6 4 4 1 -

No. of latrines 12 10 6 2 4 1 -

The number of latrines/urinals can be reduced in water scarcity areas by the Railway with the approval of General Manager.

(c) & (d): All Minimum Essential Amenities including toilets and urinals have been provided at platforms and waiting hall/rooms at all railway stations as per the prescribed norms. Further augmentation of toilet/urinal facilities is undertaken through Annual Works Programme as and when warranted depending upon availability of funds and other relative priorities. The existing toilets and urinals are kept in usable condition through regular cleaning and maintenance.

To have clean and hygienic conditions on platforms, steps like introduction of mechanized cleaning, provision of washable aprons, provision of 'Pay & Use' toilets, cleanliness awareness campaigns etc. have been undertaken. Regular inspections are conducted by various officials at the railway stations to monitor cleanliness and also to identify weak areas and take remedial measures.